

REMARKS:

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-20 were pending and considered by the Examiner. Claims 17-20 stand allowed. Claims 4 and 10-14 stand objected to but have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 15 and 16 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 have been amended, claim 10 has been cancelled, and new claim 21 has been added. Claims 1-9 and 11-21 remain pending in the subject application.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by La Vere (U.S. Patent No. 3,344,486). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over La Vere. These rejections are traversed for at least the following reasons.

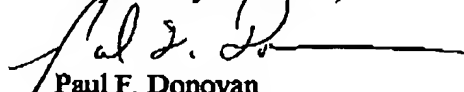
Allowance of claims 17-20 is noted with thanks.

Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the art of record, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to, now cancelled claim 10. Thus, claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-9 and 11-16 depend from claim 1, and, therefore, are allowable for the same reasons applied thereto, as well as for the additional subject matter recited in each. New claim 21 includes the limitations of original claim 1 and objected to claim 4. Thus claim 21 is allowable.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein. Reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that the Examiner would like to address, in order to expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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